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There are provided in a rate control command a clock rate select subfunction (SYNC SELECT) to which a digital signal receiver side corresponds, a base rate set subfunction (BASE CONFIGURE), a flow rate control (FLOW CONTROL) subfunction, and a capability inquiry subfunction (CAPABILITY INQUIRY). The CAPABILITY INQUIRY subfunction is used to send to a transmitter side a clock rate select state (SYNC SELECT), base rate set state (BASE CONFIGURE), flow rate control state (FLOW CONTROL) . Thereby, a digital signal can be transmitted between specific units positively and successfully.